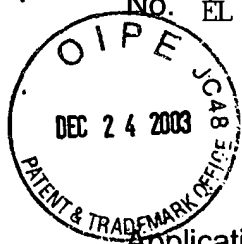


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PHOSPHOR AND PHOSPHOR SCREENS THEREFROM

Examiner Carol M. Koslow

DECLARATION OF CASPER REAVES UNDER 37 CFR §1.132

TO THE ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS,
Washington, D.C. 20231

SIR:

I, Casper Reaves, declare as follows:

1. I am a former employee of Symyx Technologies, Inc., the co-assignee of the present patent application.
2. I, along with Martin Devenney (of Symyx Technologies, Inc.), Paul Leblans and Luc Struye (both of Agfa-Gevaert, N.V.), are named as joint inventors in the present application.
3. I am also a joint inventor, along with Martin Devenney, Paul Leblans and Luc Struye, in the following U.S. Patent Nos.:

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as well as in published U.S. Patent Application 2003/0104121.

4. I make this Declaration based upon personal knowledge of the facts surrounding the invention of the subject matter claimed in the present application and the attribution of the subject matter disclosed in the above-referenced U.S. Patents and published U.S. Patent Applications, as well as published U.S. Patent Applications 2001/0007352 (abandoned) and 2003/0091729 (divisional of Application 2001/0007352).

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6. To the extent that any of the above-noted U.S. Patents and/or published U.S. Patent Applications disclose the following, this disclosure constitutes a publication of the work of Martin Devenney, Paul Leblans, Luc Struye and myself: (i) a binderless phosphor screen comprising a CsX:Eu phosphor, wherein X is Cl or Br, produced by mixing CsX with 10^{-3} to 5 mol% of an europium compound selected from EuX'_2 , EuX'_3 and EuOX' , wherein X' is F, Cl, Br or I; firing this mixture at a temperature about 450°C ; cooling and recovering the phosphor; (ii) producing a binderless phosphor screen by applying the phosphor produced by the process of (i) to a substrate by a method selected from chemical vapor deposition or physical vapor deposition; (iii) producing a binderless phosphor screen by bringing (a) heatable multiple containers of CsX and an europium compound selected from EuX'_2 , EuX'_3 and EuOX' , wherein X' is F, Cl, Br or I, or (b) a single container comprising a mixture of CsX and an europium compound selected from EuX'_2 , EuX'_3 and EuOX' , wherein X' is F, Cl, Br or I, into a deposition chamber with a substrate and depositing the mixtures on the substrate by a method selected from chemical vapor deposition or physical vapor deposition; (iv) a phosphor characterized by the formula CsX:Eu, wherein X is selected from the group consisting of Br, Cl and combinations thereof, said phosphor exhibiting, when excited with radiation of 254 nm, a blue photoluminescence and a red photoluminescence wherein said blue photoluminescence has an power (Watt) at least 100 times higher than said

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DECLARATION OF MARTIN DEVENNEY UNDER 37 CFR §1.132

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Washington, D.C. 20231

SIR:

I, Martin Devenney, declare as follows:

1. I am an employee of Symyx Technologies, Inc., the co-assignee of the present patent application.
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SIR:

I, Luc Struye, declare as follows:

1. I am an employee of Agfa-Gevaert, N.V., the co-assignee of the present patent application.
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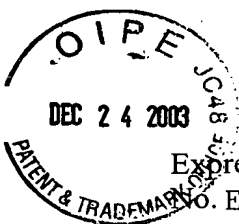
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SIR:

I, Paul Leblans, declare as follows:

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